

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polymer components of the composition of the wall component of the pipe are present in amounts of:

- I. from 40 to 70 parts by weight of said polyamide, and
- II. from 60 to 30 parts by weight of said flexible polymer.

Claim 3 (Cancelled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the extractables content is not more than 1.6% by weight.

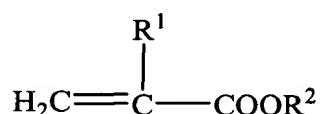
Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the flexible polymer contains functional groups which facilitate bonding to the polyamide.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the functional groups which facilitate bonding to the polyamide are carboxylic acid groups, anhydride groups, imide groups, epoxy groups, oxazoline groups or trialkoxysilane groups.

Claims 7-8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~The pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the flexible polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an ethylene-C₃-C₁₂- α -olefin copolymer having from 20 to 96% by weight of ethylene polymerized with a C₃-C₁₂- α -olefin selected from the group consisting of propene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 1-decene or 1-dodecene as the comonomer;
- b) an ethylene-C₃-C₁₂- α -olefin-nonconjugated-diene terpolymer containing from 20 to 85% by weight of ethylene and polymerized with a C₃-C₁₂- α -olefin selected from the group consisting of propene, 1-butene, 1-pentene, 1-hexene, 1-octene, 1-decene or 1-dodecene and up to not more than about 10% by weight of a nonconjugated diene selected from the group consisting of bicyclo[2,2,1]heptadiene, 1,4-hexadiene, dicyclopentadiene and 5-ethylidenenorbornene;
- c) an ethylene-acrylate copolymer containing from 50 to 94% by weight of ethylene and from 6 to 50% by weight of an acrylate of the formula:



wherein R¹ =H or C₁-C₁₂-alkyl and R² = C₁-C₁₂-alkyl or an alkyl group which carries an epoxy group, and from 0 to 44% by weight of another comonomer selected from the group consisting of a C₃-C₁₂- α -olefin, styrene, an unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acid, an unsaturated dicarboxylic anhydride, an unsaturated oxazoline and an unsaturated silane selected from the group consisting of vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinyltris(2-

methoxyethoxy)silane, 3-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane and 3-methacryloxypropyl-triethoxysilane;

- d) styrene-ethylene-butene-styrene block copolymers (SEBS);
- e) polyalkenylenes; and
- f) LDPE.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the pipe has a single-layer structure.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the pipe has an at least two-layer structure in which the innermost layer is composed of said molding composition.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the pipe is corrugated in some areas or throughout.

Claims 13-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing screen wash systems and head lamp wash systems of motor vehicles, comprising:

fabricating the pipe components of said screen wash systems and head lamp wash systems from a pipe whose interior wall structural component is made from a molding composition comprised of:

- I. from 40 to 80 parts by weight of at least one polyamide selected from the group consisting of PA 46, PA 66, PA 610, PA 1010, PA 612, PA 1012, PA 11, PA 12, PA 1212, and PA 6,3-T, and
- II. from 60 to 20 parts by weight of a flexible polymer whose main chain consists of carbon atoms,

where the amounts of I and II in parts by weight total 100, ~~and wherein the interior wall component is obtained from a molding composition~~, which molding composition when in the form of granules, comprises not more than 2% by weight of extractables, measured by extracting the granules with hot 100% ethanol under reflux conditions, and wherein the pipe ~~being~~ is useful for the piping of aqueous, aqueous-alcoholic or purely alcoholic liquids.

Claim 18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is a).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is b).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is c).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is d).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is e).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim 9, wherein the flexible polymer is f).

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polyamide is PA 12 and the flexible polymer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene rubber functionalized with maleic anhydride, maleic anhydride-functionalized SEBS, and LLDPE functionalized with maleic anhydride.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim ~~26~~ 25, wherein the flexible polymer is ethylene-propylene rubber functionalized with maleic anhydride.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim ~~26~~ 25, wherein the flexible polymer is maleic anhydride-functionalized SEBS.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe~~ method as claimed in Claim ~~26~~ 25, wherein the flexible polymer is LLDPE functionalized with maleic anhydride.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polyamide is PA 6,3-T.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polyamide is PA 12 and the flexible polymer is an ethylene-propylene rubber.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polyamide is PA 12 and the flexible polymer is a maleic-anhydride functionalized styrene-ethylene-butene block copolymer.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The ~~pipe as claimed in Claim 18~~ method as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the polyamide is PA 12 and the flexible polymer is LLDPE.

Claim 33 (New) In a screen wash system or head lamp wash system of a motor vehicle comprising pipe components fabricated from a pipe whose interior wall structural component is made from a molding composition, the improvement comprising:

a molding composition comprising

- I. from 40 to 80 parts by weight of at least one polyamide selected from the group consisting of PA 46, PA 66, PA 610, PA 1010, PA 612, PA 1012, PA 11, PA 12, PA 1212, and PA 6,3-T, and
- II. from 60 to 20 parts by weight of a flexible polymer whose main chain consists of carbon atoms,

where the amounts of I and II in parts by weight total 100, which molding composition when in the form of granules, comprises not more than 2% by weight of extractables, measured by extracting the granules with hot 100% ethanol under reflux conditions, and wherein the pipe is useful for the piping of aqueous, aqueous-alcoholic or purely alcoholic liquids.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 17 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner except, since the claim is drawn to a method of manufacturing, the pipe is recited in terms of what it is useful as, i.e., what it is capable of transporting, as opposed to what it transports.

Claims 26-28 have each been amended to depend on Claim 25. The remaining claims have either been amended to depend on, or ultimately depend on, Claim 17, or have been cancelled.

Claim 33 has been added, drawn to an article, in Jepson form, of the same scope as above-amended Claim 17.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 2, 4-6, 9-12, 17, and 19-33 are now pending in the application.